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MEMORANDUM FOR IRONHORSE LEADERS AND SOLDIERS

SUBJECT: Memorial Day Holiday Safety

1. As we observe this Memorial Day, I encouraged every Soldier to take time and reflect upon the true intent of this National Holiday: to honor those who have served before us and made the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect the freedoms and liberties that all Americans enjoy today. I believe that the best way to honor and recognize those who served before us is to continue our efforts to protect the national freedoms that they procured and safe guarded with their lives. In order to do this, we must be present and ready to do our job every day. On this Memorial Day, I call upon every Soldier to honor the sacrifices made by those who served before by placing the utmost value on his or her own life and the lives of his or her friends and families.
2. Memorial Day marks the beginning of the fun but, sometimes risky "101 Days of Summer", which runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. This is a time that places all of us in a higher risk profile due to the numerous recreational activities that are associated with summer. If you are planning to drive, remember: Always wear seat belts; be well rested prior to driving and take frequent breaks; and plan sufficient time for your activities. Well planned trips will help ensure that you and your family arrive safely and will help prevent the tendency to speed or commit other unsafe acts in an attempt to be on time. The "pre-trip checklist" is a starting point and can be found in the POV Toolbox. Also, anyone traveling beyond 150 miles must complete TRiPS with their immediate supervisor. Both are found at <https://cra.army.mil>. As always, your safety is important to the Army family; plan your trips with care and arrive back safely.
3. For more information on the 101 Days of Summer and ways to reduce the potential for a serious accident or injury, visit the 4ID Website at: <http://www.hood.army.mil/4ID> (Safety). The Summer Safety Campaign was developed to assist leaders, Soldiers, and Family members to fully and safely enjoy their "101 Days of Summer". Commanders and leaders at all levels must place renewed emphasis on accident prevention through the use of Composite Risk Management (CRM) in order to avert injury and death.
4. Each level of Command must stay engaged! We all must do our duty in providing solid leadership and clear guidance to our Soldiers in order to make a difference. Protecting each other must be integral to everything we do, both on and off duty. Remember Mission, Soldier, Family, and Team. Diane and I hope that your Memorial Day is truly remarkable and safe.

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